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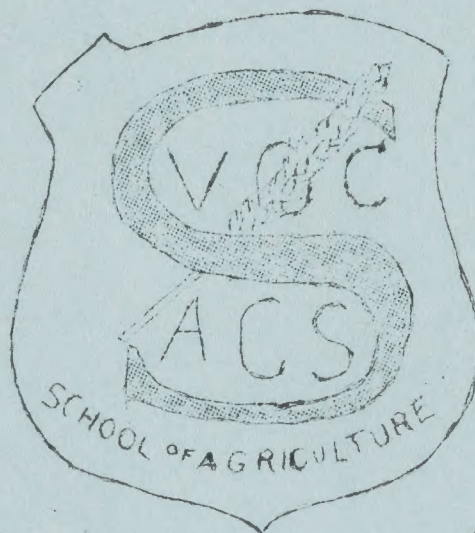
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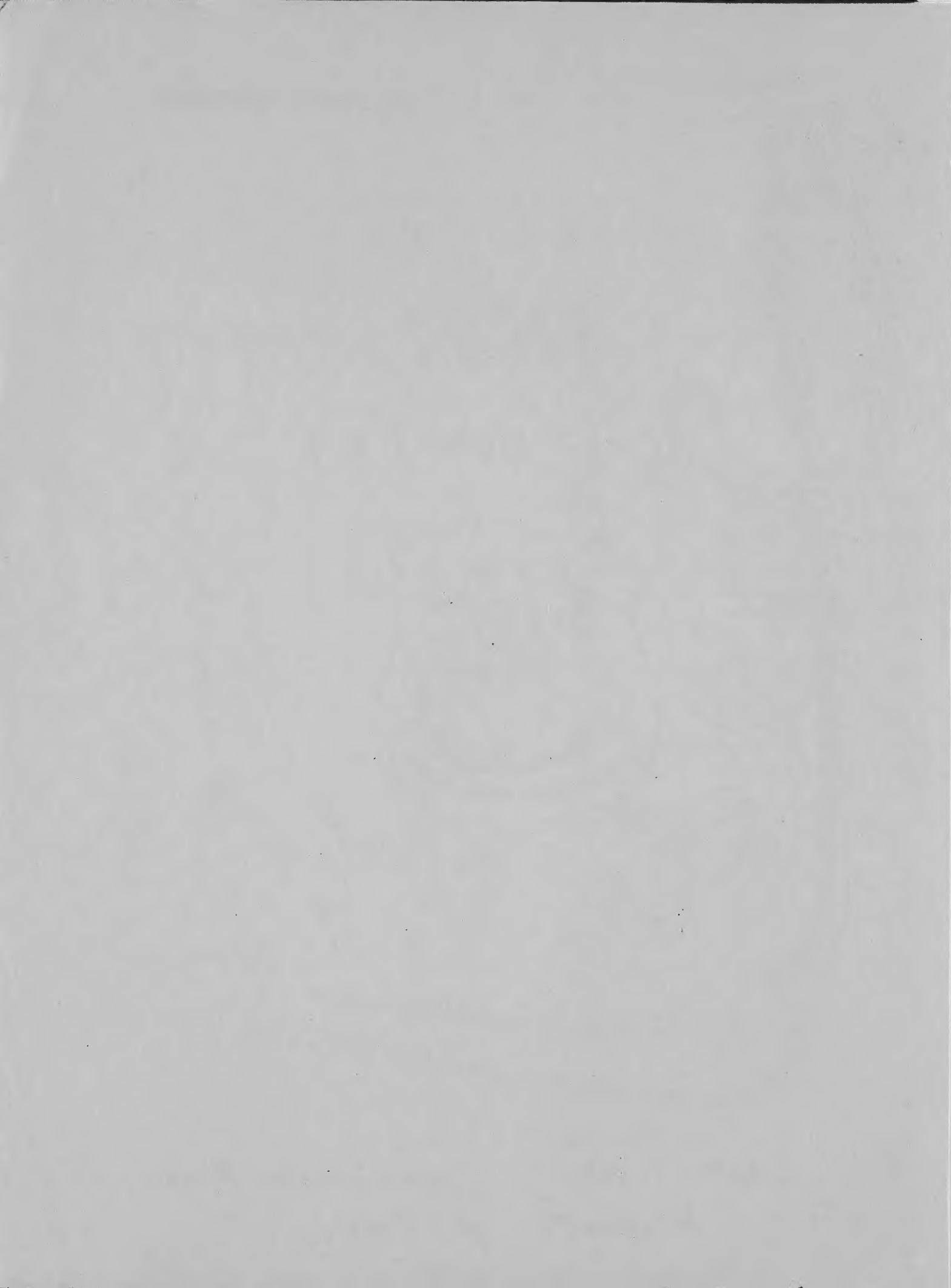
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## OUR DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As students of the School of Agriculture you have been formally ushered into one of the most significant years in the history of our institution. It is already evident that our new facilities will make possible educational and social experiences, difficult to duplicate in any similar institution in Canada. The 1949-50 class may well look with real pride on their accomplishments in the coming School year.

You have been given to understand that each new opportunity now open to you also has its attendant responsibilities. There is no place here for the student who has not a sincere desire to learn more about the complexities of his farming future or who is not concerned about his obligation as a rural citizen. In the past few days we have received a number of encouraging comments on the calibre of students in the School this year. There is evidence that pride in our School and its accomplishments will zoom to a new high.....but don't ever forget that it will do so mainly through the continued energies of the student body.

I want to again impress upon you the importance of maintaining the beauty of our new building. Whenever you have occasion to use its facilities, leave them in the best possible condition. Take it upon yourself the responsibility of putting equipment in good order even though you yourself may not have used it. If only a small portion of our student body would make a habit of this then we can be sure that the building will always have an appealing appearance to our visitors.

Remember that you will not be with us long. In a short period of time you must see a challenge which will move you to set high standards when you return to your community. The teaching staff is anxious for you to succeed. We invite you to share your problems with us at any time and we wish you the best of good luck.

-- W. B. Baker --

## OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The job of organizing our student activities this year has been a big one, due to the fact that we have entered the new S. of A. building.

The Executive and I feel confident that when the 1949-50 program has been lined up, the students will be well satisfied that no effort has been spared to give you the type of program you have been patiently waiting for. The way will be left open for each and everyone of us to gain valuable experience in our extra curriculum activities.

It is very pleasing indeed to see the support the students have been giving the executive so far in the term, and I feel confident that this enthusiasm will continue throughout the coming session.

Also it is very gratifying to note the manner in which the students have been conducting themselves so far and it is to be hoped you will conduct yourselves as gentlemen in the future as you have in the past and thus lighten the burden of the resident directorate which is in the process of being formed.

In closing may I wish for you a happy and successful year whether it be your first or second term.

Don Code

President.

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We are pleased to hear that Reg Gilstorf, James Smith and Gerry Crofford have entered the College of Agriculture. It is our hope that they will be as successful there as in the School and that their fund of School knowledge will be of benefit to them.

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I asked Joe Bellefleur when he started playing the piano. "At the age of three," he replied, "our town was hit by a flood. My father hopped onto a bed and floated down-stream to safety. I accompanied him on the piano."

# Editorial Page



The time of year has rolled around when we must once again bring back our thoughts from trials and problems of farming and apply the best we have to our studies. It is a time when those of the first year are to find out what the School is like and to broaden their understanding of the evermore pronounced difficulties of present day farming. We are looking forward to a very happy and successful year, brightened by the new conveniences and opportunities now offered.

We are very fortunate indeed to have the new building in which we can live more closely together and get to know each other more fully. It will serve as a meeting place for representatives from throughout the province as well as other parts of the Dominion and give each a better chance to get views of other parts of the country with which he is not yet acquainted.

The course has many extra-curricular activities in which students may participate at will. In this field again the closer relationship of the members in residence will greatly enhance these opportunities, especially in the sports and literary fields. Each year new ideas are incorporated that tend to make our activities more educational and interesting. It is hoped that each will accept this chance to mix with other students in the School and on the campus to the extent that studies and time will permit.

This is the official paper of the School, started four years ago under the direction of the S.V.A.A. It is through the hard work of the directors and readers who contribute material that will make it a success. Our previous editors, Bill Chapman and Russ Fisher have set a high

standard for us to follow -- we will do our best to keep up to these standards.

We of the School are a small representation of the young men within the province, therefore it is hoped that each will do his best to take home with him the abundance of available knowledge that will be within his grasp. The securing of new agricultural and social knowledge will give us that much more of a chance to carry out in later life the School slogan -- "BETTER FARMING / BETTER LIVING."

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## CONTRIBUTIONS

Have you original stories, anecdotes, poems, etc? Others might like to share them. We would appreciate it if you would hand them in for consideration to the editor or the School Office.

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One woman golfer to another: "You're improving, Muriel. You're missing the ball much closer than you used to."

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Rhubarb -- Celery gone bloodshot



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WELCOME



After registration the first year students were rather surprised and happy to find that there was something to do in School besides filling out registration forms, signing "John Henry's" to various papers, being asked questions by sober looking characters sitting behind a desk and the operation of doling forth money for the privilege of attending the '49-'50 class of the School of Agriculture.

This came in the way of an official welcome in the auditorium on Thursday evening, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. Our director, Mr. Baker, acted as chairman for the program and did a very good job of setting the newcomers at ease. He stated that this was the way in which the S.R.C. (Student's Representative Council) of the university voiced their welcome to the students who were enrolled for their freshman year in the School.

In the absence of Dean Thompson, Prof. Colb McEown gave the welcome from the University faculty. He stated that at the time when he graduated from Varsity, the School, then known as the Associate Course, was given a very "backwoods" role in the activities of the campus. They were in classes for a period two months shorter than other students and weren't given the same status in University life. "Now," he stated, "the shoe is on the other foot." It was important, he explained, that the students do not form a group of their own but mingle freely with the other colleges. For those who are willing to put forth an effort, he said, the School was here to give benefits to them, and eventually to the University and Province as well.

Dr. Paul, the Supervisor of the Dominion Provincial Youth Training program in the Extension Department stated that the School now had accommodation that was not

to be equalled by any other college of its kind in the west or those in the east which he had visited. He informed those present that many of his teaching staff were former graduates of the School, therefore he had a reason for showing interest in the activities carried out at the School.

Mr. Stilborn, the Assistant-Director, welcomed the students on behalf of the School faculty. He stated that he was very pleased to see so many of the senior students back as well as those enrolled in first year. It is through the School that many friendships are made he said, friendships that will last throughout the lives of those who have taken the classes here. "One does not get privileges without responsibilities," Mr. Stilborn stated, "so it is in the School of Agriculture." Each has a responsibility to himself; to his parents, who may have sacrificed much to send their boy to this class; to the building - that it may be left in the same good shape in which it was found; and lastly to the School of Agriculture in its broadest sense -- that each might make it a part of his life, community and province.

Next on the program was a piano solo by our own Joe Bellefleur who played as only Joe can play.

It was the privilege of the School to have present the National Superintendent of Training in the Department of Veteran Affairs, Mr. Jamison. He is a graduate of the Ontario Agricultural College so had the cause of agriculture at heart. It was his opinion that people who did not benefit from this type of course usually felt they had been done badly by largely due to their own mis-interpretations and a failure to make a personal contribution. Mr. Jamison informed the audience that the veterans

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had taken great advantage of the opportunity offered by the government and universities to receive a higher education, Saskatchewan having at its university the highest percentage of these men in the Dominion.

Other guests included; Major McLean, Mr. Vogal, and Mr. Stark all with the Dept. of Vet. Affairs in Sask., Ed Hudek, Don Dew, Bob Jackson, Don Trapp, T. A. Homersham (now acting-supervisor of Junior Livestock Club Work in Sask.), Ed Docking (who was very active in the Agricultural College Graduates Association, Miss Dickey and Mrs. Baker. Then three members of the '45-'46 class; Meryl Warren of the Mechanics Club Directorate, Vern Small - Social Director and Murray Wilson who was Sec.-Treas. during that year.

Some of the other guests included Bruce Wray, the first president of the S.V.A.A., and Norm Schnider, a former classmate of Mr. Baker's and composer of the S. of A. song. Norm later rendered a guitar and vocal solo showing real talent for entertaining an audience.

The SRC was represented by Bob Bater-president, Gil Binnington - drama directorate, Ted Hughes - debating directorate and Bill Nykyforuk - public relations officer. The College of Agriculture was represented by president Ted McCannel.

The evening ended with a very tasty and enjoyable lunch, as guests of the Students Representative Council.



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| Willis A. Frith.....       | Oct. 17 |
| Arthur Beck.....           | Oct. 21 |
| Richard G. Kenderdine..... | Oct. 21 |
| Robert C. Oberg.....       | Oct. 23 |
| Harold C. Mullett.....     | Oct. 25 |
| Glen W. Brown.....         | Oct. 26 |
| Allan Linklater.....       | Oct. 29 |

It's hard to express the feeling  
I experienced the other night  
When at our new building I arrived  
And saw within a light!

And when awe stricken I wandered in  
To this dream fulfilled realm  
I found our good director  
Mr. Baker at the helm.

He shook my hand in welcome  
And made me glad I'd come  
Then signed me out some blankets  
And showed me my new home.

So thus began another year  
At the good old S. of A.  
Where better farming without fail  
Is the order of the day.

All students feel the same I know  
Whether first or second year  
We share some responsibilities  
Yet it's a privilege to be here.

So it behoves each member  
Of the School while he is here  
To apply himself with diligence  
And of exams he'll have no fear.

Eldon Anderson

### PRO REPORT

As Public Relations Officer for the School of Agriculture I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all those students who have returned to complete the second year at the School and especially those who are here to take their first year.

The purpose of this column is to notify both first and second year classes that photo slips will be on sale this week. These photo slips make it possible to have your pictures placed in the University Year Book, "The Greystone".

Bernard (Bernie) Stapleton and myself will be selling these photo slips and your co-operation in obtaining one as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

(signed) Bob Caldwell  
PRO



# CLUB

# NOTES

## LIVESTOCK CLUB

The main function of the Livestock Club is to give members practical instruction and knowledge in the preparation of livestock for showing and judging.

The following are a few of the activities which I hope we will be able to carry out:

1. Secure two or three cattle to fatten through the term and sell before we leave.
2. Make several tours of the different points that may be of interest to the members, such as the Flax plant, Stockyards Intercontinental Pork Packers, etc.
3. Have projects with swine, poultry etc. which will give those interested an opportunity to participate.
4. Have lectures on some of the fundamental veterinary work that is common to farm stock.
5. Show films of agricultural interest.

I assure those who join an interesting term.

(signed) Gordon Marshall  
Livestock Director

## AGRONOMY CLUB

The Agronomy Club has been rather unfortunate this registration year, due to the fact that the club director has not as yet arrived. But it is hoped that he will register this week.

Having been asked by the S.V.A.A. president to take over during the club directors absence I take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students who are attending  
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## MECHANICS CLUB

Well fellows, we'll soon be right in the current of a swell educational and recreational curriculum. Therefore we'll have to make sure we get the Mechanics Club away to a good start.

Again this year, the club will be divided into different groups. One of these is the welding group where you will get as much time as possible to study welders and if we can arrange to build a welder or two this year so much the better. Then we have the wood-working group for those who sometimes hit the wrong nail, but who still get a pleasure by building projects out of wood. There is also the Metal Craft group for those interested in constructing various mechanical devices which we can use to save time, labor and so on. The Motor Overhaul group are primarily interested in the tuning and fixing up of various types of motors. Then we have the Farm Management group and Leather Craft group which both have proven very interesting in each of the past years.

For those who are in first year I would like to extend a welcome to one and all and hope to be able to work with everyone interested in the Mechanics Club. Let's make this a big year.

(signed) Al Linklater  
Mechanics Director



## Agronomy Report (con't)

the S. of A. this winter and a special welcome to all who wish to join the Agronomy Club.

To give you an idea of the work of the Agronomy Club, the following is a list of the projects which were undertaken and completed last year:

1. Chemical control of weeds.
2. Fertilizer tests.
3. Root-rot tests.
4. Alfalfa tests.

These were carried out in a space provided in one of the greenhouses. Also several films were shown and a number of tours were made down-town to points of interest.

And last but not least the club captured first prize for their display at the Little Royal and were awarded the Forshaw Trophy for club efficiency.

On behalf of James Howse, the club director, I again extend a hearty welcome to all students of the S. of A. and all prospective members of the Agronomy Club.

(signed) Borden Batiuk.

## LITERARY CLUB

We are very pleased to see so many of the good fellows back again this year, in particular the stalwarts that stood by the club during its dying days in the old F. H. building. To the young bloods that have come in this year we are at this time extending an official and hearty welcome.

This year we hope the club will be reborn and will grow as most babies do - greatly, in strength of purpose and completion of objectives.

A few words now about our projects for the coming months. With the excellent facilities we have, the possibilities are limited only by the amount of time we shall be able to devote to recreational activities, therefore it is my intention to foster only projects which can be assured of reasonable success.

Those interested in drama will have

plenty of scope for their ideas and talents and with what I have already seen and heard this year I believe we should have every success in that line.

If you can speak, or think you can, have a go at debating, the first debate will be on Wed. evening at 7 P.M. We would like to see a good turnout.

For those who enjoy singing -- or trying to, a glee club will be under way soon. I hardly need to say that we will have a red hot orchestra raising the roof before long.

Photography is another project in which a great number of boys have professed interest, I hope to have details for you in the near future.

As soon as a few matters have been cleaned up I hope to be able to announce a date when those who are interested will be able to take a St. John's Ambulance course.

This may sound a very ambitious program but, if we put our backs into it there is no reason why we should not have a very successful year.

(signed) Neville Baker

## SOCIAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

On behalf of the second year students, I would like to extend to each and every one of the first year class a very hearty welcome. It gives me a great deal of pleasure and also encouragement to see a large number in attendance this year, and I trust that as many will leave at the end of the year as what the enrollment shows to-day.

Our Social Director for last year was Johnny Reid who certainly did a marvelous job under the circumstances and the facilities with which he had to work. This year the situation is entirely different. With a building such as this and the talents we have in the School, there should be no excuse whatsoever for not having an almost perfect year as far as the social end of it is concerned.

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## Social Directors' Report (con't)

Planning the program, however, for the year is definitely not a one-man job. Without your co-operation and your help in every way it cannot be a success. I am very pleased to be able to act as your representative in this first year of our new building. I expect to have within the next few days an assistant from first year. It will be our job to try and outline a successful program for the year. It will consist of several dances, card parties, tobogan parties, etc. and we ask your help that it might be a record year or at least a very successful and happy one. Remember, we don't know it all by any means and any advice will certainly be appreciated, we hope you will not hesitate in coming out with something that could be very valuable to us.

The best of luck to you all. Let's really get acquainted and have a bang up year.

(signed) Bernard Stapleton  
Social Director

## Second Year's Soils Tour

On Friday morning the Second Year Boys boarded two Sask. Transportation Co. buses for a tour of the Saskatoon area to examine different soil types and structures.

Prof. L. Hutcheon and Mr. A. Bristow explained the differences in the soils which ranged from very stony, eroded till deposit, through glacial lake bed of stone-free silty clay loam, to hills of glacial till. Then later in the trip one could see vivid evidence of wind erosion, the drifted soil being very sandy and not really fit for agricultural production.

Prof. Van Vliet accompanied the students on the trip also and pointed out the differences in the farmsteads that were associated with the different types of soil, proving to a great extent the level of living that was to be realized from the soil of that region. In an informal gathering toward the end of the trip suggestions were presented, with discussion, as to the best possible way in which the different types of land could be utilized.

Everyone enjoyed the trip, which had

its lighthearted points as well as the more serious purpose in mind. The puns, scrambles, bits of scrimages as well as the very inviting lunch provided, all served to bring the group back in a happy mood.

## FIRST YEAR TOUR

It was a pleasure for the first year students to be shown about the Engineering building and the powerhouse by members of the Agricultural Engineering department. Some of the highlights of the trip were the laboratory for testing concrete of different compositions and ingredients for endurance, the Geology labs with information on rock formation and its use in testing for oil.

Then came the lab for testing clays, where the operators were testing these materials in the making of glass, crockery and bricks. Next in line were the blacksmith shop and woodcraft rooms.

Next on the program was a tour of the powerhouse where the students were escorted through a maze of stairs and corridors to be shown were the electricity was generated and the water heated for the buildings on the campus.

Last and not least they were given a preview of the Machinery and Motor labs, but no doubt they will learn much more about these in the near future.

## WOW, WHAT A DIFFERENCE

Someone recently unearthed records dealing with the daily program of studies at the Ont. Agric. College, Guelph. For the benefit of young farmers of this modern age here is the schedule of 1880:

5:30 a.m.--Students rise.

6:00 a.m.--Prayers.

7:00 a.m.--Breakfast.

'Till 9:00 a.m.--Work outside.

Classes continue until 12:00 noon.

1:00 to 5:00 p.m.--Outside work.

5:00 p.m.--Tea.

Until 9:00 p.m.--Studies.

9:30 p.m.--Evening prayers.

10:00 p.m.--All lights out -- doors locked.

They turned out some excellent farmers in those days.



# FREE AIR

Unless people get busy and abolish wars, wars will abolish people.

Apology - Politeness too late.

Many a fellow would be more satisfied with his lot if it had a house on it.

Many novelists can count only up to sex.

By the line ups at the phone booth it would seem that some peoples voices are hard to extinguish over the telephone.

Mr. Gibbings says, "A mosquito is like a child. When he stops making a noise, you know he's getting into something".

Gentlemen befur blondes.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then stop. There's no use being silly about it.

Most political speeches are filled with the patter of little feats.

Palmer's girl friend complains that when she goes out with him for a drink, all she gets is rum and coax.

At the reception last Sunday a certain first year man was seen giving a blonde the once over about a dozen times. Finally, he moved over more closely to her. "Pardon me," he said, "I'm with the School of Agriculture. Whom are you with?"

Baker criticizing a play. "The plot was a strain on one's credulity and posterior.

Reg. Gilstorf - "Look at those Voc Ags, they sure have it soft, one night you're out with a girl from Household Science, the next night a girl from Education, then a girl from Arts. Two years of this and then you're just a has been."  
Gerry Crofford - "Yeah, but look where you has been."

The President of Columbia University was a sworn enemy of co-education. "You cannot," he asserted on one occasion, "teach a boy mathematics if there is a girl in the room."  
"But Prof.," someone objected, "you might."  
"Then," observed the president, "the boy isn't worth teaching."

Overheard at the S.C.M. dance last Friday. "Of course, he can't dance, but the least he could do is to hold me while I dance."

Since the sad news arrived that LaRose was the first victim of measles, the boys in contact were hustled over to the Doctor for a needle. We regret to say that most of them are suffering considerably from their weak end excursion.

Miss Dickey refers to her office as the "din of inequity".

Garden note: A thing of beauty is a job forever.

The star of a Shakespearean company playing Hamlet was visibly intoxicated, the newspaper headlined its review, "Ham Lit".

Bored: What people drink to avoid becoming and end up stiff as.



# on SPORTS

near future under the capable leadership of Alf Salby.

I wish to take this opportunity to say, if you can't participate in sports, be one yourself.

(signed) Bob Ferrie

Sports Director.

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## SASKATCHEWAN'S REPRESENTATIVES

The following is a list of boys and girls who will represent Saskatchewan's Junior Clubs at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto this month. They will compete against the other provinces' representatives for the Dominion Junior Judging titles for their respective clubs.

### Dairy Calf Club Project -- Moose Jaw Dairy Calf Club

Donald A. Gamble, Moose Jaw.

Gordon E. Noble, Moose Jaw

### Swine Club Project 4- Yorkton Swine Club

Gordon A. Harris, Yorkton.

Kenneth E. Just, Yorkton.

### Grain Club Project -- Parkman Junior Grain Club.

Keith R. Taylor, Manor.

Allan E. Green, Manor.

### Junior Poultry Club Project - Slick-Chicks (Colonsay-Elstow).

Stuart N. McKenzie, Colonsay.

Harry Little, Elstow.

### Baby Beef Project - Wilkie Junior Beef Club

Rose C. Fortowsky, Wilkie.

Bertha J. Fortowsky, Wilkie.

### The Foods Project-Eskdale Homecraft Club

Phyllis Brennan, Leross.

Bernice Andrews, Leross.

### The Clothing Project - Rouleau Homecraft Club

Maurine J. McKean, Rouleau. (Club)

Caroline C. Rogers, Rogers.

The soccer match was not what one would call an organized game but it wasn't what one would call a failure either. They ended up in a one to one tie. So the first and second year started off on the right foot -- to-gether.

The basketball has been looked into and the practice starts on Friday next at 6:30 to 7:30. All those interested turn out at Qu'Appelle Hall. Roy Saal will be in charge.

The bowling has started out on a some what rough beginning, but as time rolls on we'll take the roughness out. Fred Bolding is the man in charge of bowling activities.

"The hockey is at a standstill but the minute the ice forms we'll be starting in great form," says Bob Ferrie.

Also due to lack of ice, curling activity is at a complete standstill. Gordon Hill will be in command of all curling events. As a note in this first stage of the game: all participants in curling will be charged a fee of fifty cents. This will cover the entry fee for all the regular winter games.

Boxing will also be started in the





